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Gachado Well Line Camp Adobe House



Identification:

Preferred Structure Name: Gachado Well Line Camp Adobe House

HS04A Structure Number:

Other Structure Name(s):

Other Structure Name(s) Bunkhouse

Park: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

Historic District:

Historic District

No records.

Structure State: Arizona Pima Structure County:

Intermountain Region: Cluster: Southwest

Administrative Unit: Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument

LCS ID: 006599

Historical Significance:

National Register Status: Entered - Documented

National Register Date: 11/02/1978

National Historic Landmark?: No Significance Level: Local

Short Significance Description: The Gachado Line Camp Adobe House, Organ Pipe NM, is a contributing

> structure to Gachado Well, on the NR, local level, under Criteria A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising; B, assoc'n w/Robert L. Gray, Sr.; & C, model of frontier

style architecture unique to border region. Period of signif, 1919-1976.

Long Significance Description: Gachado Line Camp Adobe House, Organ Pipe NM, is one of the contributing structures of Gachado Well, entered on the National Register, at the local level, under Criteria A, Sonoran Desert cattle raising; B, cattleranching property associated with Robert Louis Gray, Sr. and the Gray Family partnership; and C, exemplary model of frontier style architecture unique to border region . The period of significance begins for the line camp with the purchase of the water rights by Robert Gray, Sr., in 1919 and ends with the deaths of two of the three Gray sons, Henry and Robert, Jr. and the subsequent removal of the last of the Grays' cattle from the monument in 1976.

The Gachado Line Camp, was named for the gnarled old mesquite tree that once stood near the southwest corner of the corral, was one of the fifteen ranches and line camps in the Gray family cattle business with which the Gray Family Partnership developed the ranching potential of the desert country north of the border and dominated the lands of Organ Pipe National Monument for nearly 60 years. Built in the 1930s by the Grays along with a corral near the Gachado Well, the adobe ranch house exhibits a regionally significant form of architecture, inside and out.

The Gachado Well and Line Camp with its associated structures was entered into the National Register of Historic Places on November 2, 1978.

Construction Period:

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Historic

Chronology:

1.	Physical Event Built	Begin Year 1930		_	End Year AD/BC	Designer Gray, Robert Louis	Designer Occupation Other
2.	Preserved	1992	AD			NPS	Other
3.	Stabilized	1994	AD			NPS	Other
4.	Preserved	2001	AD	2001	AD	NPS	Other

Function and Use:

Primary Historic Function: Agricultural Outbuilding

Abandoned/Unmaintained **Primary Current Use:**

Structure Contains Museum

Collections?:

Nο

Other Functions or Uses:

Other Function(s) or Use(s)	Historic or Current
1. DOMESTIC (RESIDENTIAL)	Historic

Physical Description:

Structure	Type:	Building
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Volume: 2,000 - 20,000 cubic feet

Square Feet: 180

Material(s):

	Structural Component(s)	Material(s)	
1.	Roof	Other	
2.	Roof	Wood	
3.	Walls	Adobe	

Short Physical Description:

1 room adobe bldg 23x11x9' high. 1 door, 2 wdws. Wood shutter W wdw. Chimney N wall. Dirt floor. Roof of organ pipe & saguaro ribs w/ cement bags, creosote bush & cardboard; redone but most ribs & all vigas original.

Long Physical Description:

The one-room adobe house measures approximately 23' in length, 11' in width, and 9' in height, and contains one door and two windows. The floor is dirt. A unique feature of the building is its ceiling and roof. Supported by cross beams and vigas, the roof consists of a layer of organ pipe cactus rib poles crossed by a layer of saguaro ribs. Over the saguaro ribs was placed a layer of cardboard, followed by one of creosote bush, then a layer of earth and blacktop.